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THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE a below named inventor, I hereby declare that my residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, and I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled _MANUFACTURING_ METHOD OF POSITIVE ACTIVE MATERIAL FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY, NICKEL ELECTRODE USING THE SAME MATERIAL AND ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY USING THE SAME NICKEL ELECTRODE the specification of which (check applicable box(es)): [] is attached hereto. __ as U.S. Application Serial No. ___09/925, 735 [X] was filed on August 6, 2001 was filed as PCT international application No. PCT/___ and (if applicable to U.S. or PCT application) was amended on ... I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a). I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119/365 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed or, if no priority is claimed, before the filing date of this application: Prior Foreign Application(s): Day/Month/Year Filed Application Number Country P. 2000-239698 Japan 8/August/2000 I hereby claim the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 120/365 of all prior United States and PCT international applications listed above or below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this application is not disclosed in such prior applications in the manner provided by the first paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. 1.56(a) which occurred between the filing date of the prior applications and the national or PCT international filing date of this application: Prior U.S./PCT Application(s): Status: patented, Day/Month/Year Filed pending, abandoned Application Serial No. hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon. And I hereby appoint NIXON & VANDERHYE P.C., 1100 North Glebe Road, 8th Floor, Arlington, Virginia 22201-4714, telephone number (703) 816-4000 (to whom all communications are to be directed), and the following attorneys thereof (of the same address) individually and collectively my attorneys to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith and with the resulting patent: Arthur R. Crawford, 25327; Larry S. Nixon, 25640; Robert A. Vanderhye, 27076; James T. Hosmer, 30184; Robert W. Faris, 31352; Richard G. Besha, 22770; Mark E. Nusbaum, 32348; Michael J. Keenan, 32106; Bryan H. Davidson, 30251; Stanley C. Spooner, 27393; Leonard C. Mitchard, 29009; Duane M. Byers, 33363; Paul J. Henon, 33626; Jeffry H. Nelson, 30481; John R. Lastova, 33149; H. Warren Burnam, Jr., 29366; Thomas E. Byrne, 32205. Date October 9, 2001 Masaru 1) Inventor's Signature KIHARA Masaru Japan Inventor's Name (typed) Family Name Middle Initial Citizenship _ (State/Foreign Country) _ Tokushima, Japan Itano-gun Residence (City) _ 31-1, Aza-Yamashimo, Sasakino, Matsushige-cho, Itano-gun, Zip Code Post Office Address Tokushima, Japan October 9, 2001 Date 2) Inventor's Signature Yoshitaka BABA Japan Inventor's Name (typed) First Middle Initial Family Name Citizenship _ (State/Foreign Country) _ Gunma, Japan Takasaki-shi Residence (City) -9-14, Chikunawa-cho, Takasaki-shi, Gunma, Japan Post Office Address _ Date__ 3) Inventor's Signature. Inventor's Name (typed) _ Middle Initial Family Name Citizenship

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